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SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Region including Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar has the potential of becoming the centre of the second green revolution as reported in `Dainik Jagaran`, dated August 8, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Science and Technology has recently assured to extend its cooperation for agriculture sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar as other Eastern States characterized by good soil, adequate rainfall and favourable hydrological profile and water resources and congenial temperature regime has tremendous prospects of making new gains in agricultural production. To harness the potential of these States and to enhance the foodgrain production, a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission` has been approved to be launched from 2007-08 in 16 States of the country including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and other Eastern States.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Science & Technology will be extending its cooperation to the agriculture sector. The Ministry of Science & Technology is working with the Ministry of Agriculture for developing a system for monitoring the health of crop, provide detailed information on the state of agriculture at village level using satellite technology and more accurate meso-scale forecasts. The Ministry will also extend its support to disseminating improved quality of agriculture implements and planting material for different crops.